

## **RESOLUTION NO. 117-2010**

### **COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MICHAEL S. COHEN FOR HIS SERVICES TO THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS DEPARTURE AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

#### **BASIS FOR RESOLUTION**

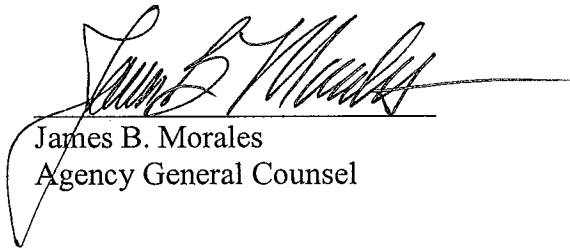
1. Michael Cohen joined the City and County of San Francisco (“City”) in 1995 to serve as the head of the Real Estate and Finance team of the City Attorney’s Office. In that capacity, he served as lead transaction counsel on a number of complex public-private development deals in San Francisco, including the conveyance and development of the first phase of the Hunters Point Shipyard; the renovation of Union Square Park, the new de Young Museum and underground parking garage in Golden Gate Park; the development of the Hotel Vitale on formerly surplus MUNI property along the City's waterfront; and the renovation of Harding Park Golf Course into a PGA Championship course. He also helped create and served as General Counsel to the Treasure Island Development Authority.
2. In 2004, Michael Cohen joined the Office of Economic and Workforce Development to manage the Base Reuse and Real Estate Development team. In 2007, Mayor Gavin Newsom appointed Michael Cohen as Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (“OEWD”).
3. During his tenure at OEWD, Michael Cohen worked extensively with local communities to promote investment, innovation and business growth.
4. As Director, Michael Cohen oversaw the Business Attraction and Retention, Real Estate Development, Small Business, Film, International Trade and Commerce, Workforce Development, and Neighborhood Development and Revitalization divisions.
5. Throughout his 15 years of service with the City, Michael Cohen championed a number of redevelopment projects including: Treasure Island, Hunters Point Shipyard Phase 1, the Candlestick Point - Hunters Point Shipyard Phase 2 Project (“CP-HPS2”), Mission Bay, and Transbay.
6. Michael Cohen has demonstrated extraordinary leadership and commitment to the creation of public benefits such as affordable housing, parks and open space, jobs and economic development opportunities for the City, and in particular for neighborhoods in the City who have historically lacked access to these services.

7. Recently, Mr. Cohen announced his resignation as Director of OEWD after he had successfully obtained community, Agency, and Board of Supervisors approval of the CP-HPS2 Project.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco extends its appreciation to Michael Cohen for his years of success and his dedicated service to the City and Agency and furthermore expresses its best wishes to him in all his future endeavors.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



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Agency General Counsel